

The Battle is Fixed 1 Sam 13:14

We have talked about fighting the battles of this life with not earthly weapons but heavenly ones. Joshua, Gideon, Jehoshaphat. Tonight we will look at the Battle between David and Goliath and concentrate our thoughts upon the fact that the Battle is Fixed. It is impossible for us to lose. I read the last Chapter and in the end we win. No matter how many skirmishes and Failures we have along the way, when it's all said and done victory is ours. It's a fixed fight it doesn't matter what happens in the middle. David was

a Giant Killer, ^{Goliath, devils, Saul, Hittites} but he killed Giants.
I. The Strength for the Battle - If you get this feeling like you want to get into the Giant Killing business, you might want to give it some thought. How did little old David have St A. He was Scripture-filled - 1 Sam 13:14 God is down on Saul and has turned his attention toward David. In this verse it says that the Lord... after his own heart, indicates that David was Theologian. A Student of God. Meditating and musing on God. Ps 1:1 I day + night not a little in morning and little at night but every waking hour. He would take truth and chew on it as a cow chews cud, until it becomes

B. He was Spirit-filled - 1 Sam. 16:13 Samuel is anointing David... Spirit of Lord came upon He was a Spirit filled man. You are no match for the Giants of this life w/o the Spirit of God. David was saturated w/ the spirit of God. Do you know anything of the working + filling of Holy spirit in your life? Like the old sailorship I have my sails up waiting for wind of God to lead. Have you been sealed w/ Spirit coming in for Rep. of no

II The Soldiers in The Battle - Ch 17

we get into the real battle between David + Goliath. The showdown between an unlikely pair. We see first...

A. A Haughty Soldier - Ch 17:8 He cries. He said it at the top of his lungs. He thinks he's won the battle. But David knows he's won the battle. Big Difference vs 14. Goliath is acting like a Threshing machine against a nut, what he don't know is that he's a pebble snuffing around a Petri dish. Goliath is a prideful and Boasting Soldier, Prov 16:18 pride goeth before destruction...

B. A Humble Soldier - vs 45 "said" it means it was said in a normal tone. I came from a family of loud people. We just loud. I preach loud, and when I make point I feel like I got to be even louder. Like

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Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

But if you are going to take on giants you better be scripture filled.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...

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Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

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Read 45-47 David knows he's won the battle. How? Probably while he was on the way over to the battle field he was chewing on that cud, that word of God making it a part of him. He's been yielded to the Spirit. Vs 48 David ran toward the enemy. Not defensive but offensive. Lot of churches say we need to defend the church, or the bible or theology. They are on the defensive. We have the ball, Christ defeated death hell and grave. We should be on the offensive.

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Same is true in our Salvation. God demands a bulls eye we can't hit it with baptism, church membership, morality or works. But Christ takes the shot at the cross and hits it dead center and invites us to step up hold the bow and arrow like we shot it and pose for the picture. It's providentially fixed!

What if that sword would have been dull? David might have been hacking an might have roused a knocked senseless giant. He might have had his hands full. The principal for us is that we must be sharp with the word of God to defeat the wiles of the devil.

H.S. need help or something Read 45. The mark
of a spirit filled man or woman is not in
the loudness of voice, but in that soft speech.
Yelling doesn't help your kids. I've found
recently get more response from whisper. Get still

III. The Strategy of The Battle

How did David go about breathing this
hathle. If we are going to struggle
with Giants we need to know this.

A. A Strategy that is Precedentially Fixed
VS. 49 "Slings" He slings it. Baseball
when I was kid, slings it meant it was out of
control. His slings wasn't one of these but
one of these — These aren't accurate.

- David not shoot in Gums. This circular pattern speaks of eternality, providence, sovereign control. David says I dare war this Battle all I get to do is let it go. behind back under leg when he lets it go God will take it to the designated stop. ^{collect is} _{Prepped, Fixed}

B. A Strategy with a Principal to be Followed

VS 49 David prevailed! Holy Ghost
saddled that stone and ran it right
into the forehead of Goliath. David
then took a sword and cut his head
off. Which killed Goliath the slaver
or sword. Note the word smote in VS 49 = rendered
powerless. The cross of Christ rendered Satan
powerless. VS 50 slew = to put to death Kill
the sword a levitical Diabolical word of God.

IV The Satisfaction of the Battle / ^{Chap}

David was a giant killer, He did so because of the scriptures and the Spirit. But we can draw one last application.

A. An intimate Satisfaction - David reigned in Hebron and Jerusalem - Hebron = intimate oneness - Jerusalem - city of peace. David was not perfect but wanted to be one w/ God. He panted after God's own heart. God gave David that intimate umpire that blows the whistle when He steps out bounds. Ex Typewriter. A lot of what David wrote in Psalms was the outpour of that peaceful intimate walk w/ God.

B. An investment Satisfaction 15:28

Said he lived to a good old age, "full of days." only said about 3 other people in people in Bible. The phrase indicates a substantial investment in the future. Though "invested enough" 5 are at the end of life say "I wish I'd have done more for the Lord" Not David. I've invested my life in God, I have no regrets. I'd like to die like that. Have you bought in the world's thing, more is better.

V Closing - Article - about one couple that had the world's largest sea shell collection. Collected for 40 yrs. People from all world come to see. On Judgment day Lord I want to show you my sea shell. No disrespect ^{like...}

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 13:1 ...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Matthew Henry – before the men bound Him, he had bound himself to the work and office of a Mediator. He was already bound to the horns of the altar with the cords of His own love to man and duty to his father.

Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: